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The Honorable Sean Connaughton  
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Dear Sean

I write today to express my concerns about the proposed extension of the Capital Beltway HOT lanes project. I understand that VDOT is still weighing whether to extend the project and I join the community in opposing the extension.

Many of my constituents in Great Falls and McLean have shared with me their concerns about increased congestion, including bottlenecks and backups along the Beltway and in their neighborhoods. The citizens are also very concerned about traffic backups at the Beltway and Georgetown Pike. I have had serious concerns about the entire Beltway HOT lanes project since Virginia reached an agreement to move forward with the project in 2007. I worry that public-private partnerships, like the Dulles Greenway and the HOT lanes, protect the bottom line of the companies instead of protecting the users of the roads, who often pay high fees. Reports state that users of the HOT lanes will likely pay at least \$1 a mile during peak times. We have already seen the citizens pay the price for this project by having wide swaths of trees cleared, transforming the nearby neighborhoods at the dismay of the residents who live there. I ask that you please listen to the community's concerns and reassess the need for this extension.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frank R. Wolf  
Member of Congress

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